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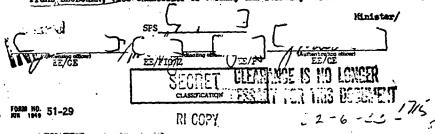
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SYMOPSIS: Information at hand indicates that the Polish Communist Party has used the export of Polish hams to raise funds for the Party treasury. This information may explain the activities of Ferdinand KARPIX, hunch Polish ham trader and former ODPAL source. CLS is requested to query ODCPAL and POB may pass some of this data to ZIPPER, which is interested in KARPIK.

- 1. Ferdinand KARPIK, Polish refuges now running the landscandel trading firm in Number with a branch office in Frankfurt, is an object of some intelligence interest in Germany. A recent full had dispatch requested traces on both KARPIK and Ferdinand WESTF ANTI, on the first and Frigaliment firms with offices in lamich and slepthers. WESTERPART is a noted East-West trader and was one of several businessmen who visited Moscow to attend an economic conference. Was special businessmen who risted Moscow to attend at present interested in both WESTERSANIEY.
- 2. A great deal is known indut KARFI at WESTERBAKEY here. Traces were sent out in EGLM-526, addressed to PhS. KARPIK was, until 1948, a regular ODOPAL source, handled during that are by Ramiolph K. Stone, a former ODOPAL officer. ODOPAL dropped KAPPIK in 1942 because of compresses. He was considered to be a good source and maintained contact with Stone long after their official contection ceased. KARPIK's fortune was founded on the fact that he had the sole franchive for the sale of Polish hams in West Germany, and he was well acquainted with Polish government representatives in Frankfurt we until about 1952, with when he had many official dealings. KARPIK was also a friend of Dr fum Schall Main, the press referent for Frank MULDUER, Vice-Chancellor of Germany and formerly Marshall Plan



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Minister in Bonn. On one occasion, in 1951, KARPIK told Stone of a conference he attended between SOFFE ALE and Dr. Earl HOFF ALE, notorious East-West trader, in which HOFF ALE tried to persuade SOFFE ALE to help him arrange a meeting between Vice-Chancellor (BLUECKER and Soviet political salvison SENIOROT, We are unable to draw any earth-shaking conclusions from this report, but we have always been assured that KARPIK had been a good ODOPAL source.

- duggery though not necessarily espionare, comes from AVIANZES, a Polish diplomat who defected in the leatern demisphere in 1953, and who was very knowledgeable on Communist Perty matters. This source gave information which links the expert and foreign distribution of Polish hams with a longstanding scheme for swelling the treasury of the Polish Communist Farty. According to source, the Folish Communist Farty was out of funds after World Wor II and resorted to black ronk time within Poland and charp practices in tyreign trade to squeeze forcy for the Farty. Folish Communist cuntoms officials abotted the smaggling into Poland of watches and other valuable items which were sold on the worket and the proceeds placed in the Party transpary. Source states definitely that the Farty placed one of its men in the office which controlled the export of Polish hams. For example, the sale of suck hams in the United States was controlled by the Atalanta Company, run by George (Grzegorz) MCGURICHEMINA, a Leftist Fole who lived in Franco. In the case of the Atalanta Company, the foreign distributor not only paid for the hams but hed to kick back part of his profits to the Polish Communist Party. Source states that this kickback practice ceased when the Polish Communist Party eliminated all opposition and began to run the government alone. From then on, he said, the ham exports were strictly legitimate business.
- 4. If AVTATRESS information is correct, it would be logical to presume that KARFIN's ham franchise was given him for a similar purpose and that he engaged for a number of years in a scheme to help finance the Folish Communist Party. What else he may have done, and whether he is still doing any of these things, is a matter for conjecture.
- 5. For the present, we would like CLS to pass this information along to ODOPAL headquarters, telling them that our traces on RAPIK reveal that he was once their agent and that we know also that he was hardled by Randolph K. Stone. We suggest that CDDPAL review the EARPIK operation with this new factor in mind and we would like to have as such information about KARPIK as they will give us.
- Pullach/may pass the new information about Polish ham exercte to make and tell ZIPPER that we think KARPIK is a very interesting target indeed.

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